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FOLKESTONE IS ROCKED BY EARTHQUAKE

Second tremor in two years for seaside town

FOLKESTONE has been hit by an earth tremor almost two years after the town was shaken by an earthquake.

It hit at about 2.30pm yesterday (Tuesday), causing some schools to be evacuated.

A spokesman for the British Geological Survey said the tremor was measured at 2.8 on the Richter scale and struck in the same location as the 2007 quake which registered 4.3 on the scale.

He said: "This one is significantly smaller. It's a small event by UK and world standards and we would expect

■ BY **MARIJKE COX**
and **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

about 10 of these per year in the UK."

Mr B Fuller, a design-technology teacher at Harvey Grammar School in Cheriton Road, said: "It was just like the tremor felt two years ago.

"When it happened, someone hit the fire alarm to evacuate the school.

"Some of the pupils asked me if it was physics - I said no, it sounds like we have to get out of the school."

According to pupils, books fell off the shelves and another teacher said she

thought a forklift truck had hit the side of the building.

Reports of smoke from the school roof were reported, but no emergency services were called to the scene.

Pupils from both Harvey Grammar and Folkestone Girls Grammar School were sent home at about 2.45pm.

Year eleven pupils at Harvey Grammar had been due to hold a GCSE art exam today (Wednesday), but it was unclear whether it would still be going ahead.

Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Service received no reports of structural damage or injuries.

• See p2 for more on the 2007 quake



DRESSED TO KILL

The 'toughest man in a dress' comes to Folkestone's Leas Cliff Hall on Friday. Vito LoGrasso, also known as Big Vito, is one of the stars of Big Time American Wrestling, which features a fiercely competitive Great Britain versus North America theme.

He will be joined by transatlantic ring legends 'Vampire Warrior' Gangrel, dual world title-holder Joe E Legend, high-flying 'American Dragon' Bryan Danielson and towering 'American Disaster' Broady Steele.

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To find out more and to book tickets, phone the Leas Cliff box office on 0844 847 1776.

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EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL: Emergency services in action during the earthquake of 2007

Parents given warning over school attire

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A TOP state school in the district has sent a stern warning to parents about their children's appearance when in uniform.

In a letter sent on Friday last week, Bill Wright, the head of Harvey Grammar, said that though the majority of pupils were a credit to the school, there were a few who "seem determined to undermine our values".

Several items have been prohibited from being worn to, from and during school, including hoodies and coats and fleeces with slogans or logos, as well as denim, leather or imitation leather items.

Mr Wright said in the letter addressed to all 940 pupils: "Smart appearance is very important and sets the tone for everything that pupils do."

"The school uniform is the corporate identity of the school that links pupils to the Harvey and all that it stands for. When members of the

public see Harvey boys in uniform, our pupils are representing all of us.

"We regard our pupils as ambassadors for the school and consider that boys who take pride in their appearance, being smartly dressed and with neat, well-groomed hair, are likely to transfer that personal pride into all their school activities."

The letter also states hats such as baseball caps, together with badges and trainers, should not be worn and spell outs the type of hairstyle pupils should be expected to have.

It said: "Hair should be cut in a neat and uniform style with no layering, braiding, stepping or cutting-in of designs and must not be dyed."

"The school's decision on the acceptability of a hairstyle is final."

"All pupils, including those in years 12 and 13, are expected to be clean-shaven."

Mr Wright said the school would take "immediate action" from Monday of this week on all appearance issues and those who turned up in clear breach of the rules were likely to be sent home to change, with their parents informed.

Quake of 2007 that damaged hundreds of homes in town

THE damage caused by the 2007 Folkestone earthquake totalled millions of pounds and left hundreds of people in emergency accommodation.

On Saturday, April 28, the foundations of the town shook as the quake, which measured 4.3 on the Richter scale, struck in what was the largest tremor to hit Britain since 2002.

Experts said its epicentre was 7.5 miles off the coast in the English Channel and tremors could be felt across Kent, even reaching as far as Calais and Brussels on the other side of the Channel.

Several thousand homes in the Folkestone and Dover area were left without power.

The old clock on the former town hall, which is powered by electricity, stopped at 8.13am – the exact minute the quake hit.

Energy companies investigated 300 reports of gas leaks in the area.

Deal, Dover and Ashford were also affected by the quake, although most of the damage centred on Folkestone, where homes in five streets were evacuated because of structural damage including cracked walls and fallen chimneys.

Investigated

Emergency beds were set up in Folkestone's Salvation Army centre, where volunteers comforted shaken residents after 1,500 homes were damaged.

Almost 1,000 children had to stay at home as fire crews investigated masonry cracks and ceiling damage at the Harvey Grammar School for Boys.

One woman in her 30s suffered a minor head injury and neck pain, but there were no major casualties.

Market trader Kevin Simpson was setting up his stall as the quake hit and told how he heard a rumble and felt the ground shake.

"It was like time stood still for a moment," he said. "I was just getting ready for the Saturday market and I just felt the ground shake uncontrollably under my feet."

After the quake, experts at the British Geological Survey warned that the quake could be leading up to an aftershock of a magnitude of 3.3 on the Richter scale.

Seismologists said aftershocks could not be predicted but generally reached a level of one less on the Richter scale than the initial tremor.

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Fight to give retired Gurkhas a fair deal

Campaign for free accommodation and travel for ex-soldiers

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

GURKHA veterans struggling to survive should be entitled to free accommodation and transport around the district, according to campaigners.

The call comes after Reading borough council in Berkshire led the way in arranging for a housing association to keep about a dozen retired soldiers and their families in apartments, with rents paid for by the Royal British Legion.

Status

This was followed by the local bus operator giving out travel passes to allow the retired Gurkhas, who are waiting for their immigration status to be decided by the Government, to move freely around the city.

Reading council has also written to all local authorities around the country, including Shepway, calling on them to support the Gurkhas' rights to get equal citizenship and pension rights.



SUPPORT THEM: Retired Gurkhas should be entitled to free accommodation and travel passes while their immigration status is decided, say campaigners

Mayor of Reading Peter Beard told Yourshepway how the council wanted to help the former soldiers, who have a reg-

iment based in nearby Hampshire 20 miles away.

"There were at least eight or nine Gurkhas sleeping on a bus driver friend's floor, wrapped up in duvets, so we had to get them some help," said Cllr Beard.

"A local housing association offered the use of some spare apartments originally built for the elderly and they moved in only two days before Christmas last year.

"They are very respectful and really humble and, being 71, I know what they did for us and they just deserve better."

Shepway councillor and Gurkha Justice campaigner Peter Carroll said: "I know several members of the retired Gurkha community who are now living in the Reading area.

"Reading council does lead the way in getting a fairer deal for retired Gurkhas who are having to live in poverty because the Government still has not announced the new policy it was ordered to do by the High Court in September last year.

"I feel that Shepway council and Kent County Council could do more. However, the real problem in this situation is the Government. They need to act and give these brave loyal people the right to live here with us as citizens."

At a meeting last month Shepway leader Robert Bliss said the council was more than happy to accept requests for accommodation from Gurkhas in line with its homelessness policies but that it already had people on its waiting lists.

A spokesman said Shepway also operated a free bus-pass scheme and any Gurkha of qualifying age would be eligible to apply.



BURN UP THE DANCE FLOOR

Don your Afros, platform boots and velvet flares and boogie on down to some 70s and 80s classics when Disco Inferno hits Folkestone this month.

The party night out which celebrates the best in soul and disco music comes to the Leas Cliff Hall this month after starting life in Margate in 2005. Devotees have since flocked to the sold-out event in fancy dress for their nostalgic rush over the years.

The night to remember is on Saturday, March 21, starting at 7.30pm; tickets are only £10. To find out more and to book, phone the Leas Cliff Hall box office on 0844 847 1776.

Scouts to celebrate 100th anniversary

A HYTHE Scout group which is officially the oldest in Kent celebrates its centenary this month.

The 1st Hythe Scout group was established in 1909 and plans to celebrate the milestone with an event and photo exhibition at Lympne Castle.

Past members and leaders of the land and sea groups are invited to come along and join in, together with any old photos to put on show.

The event takes place on Sunday, March 15. For more information, call the group's chairman John Gamble on 01303 260489, or to find out more about Scouting phone Mandy Burton on 01303 268573.

Put your best foot forward and raise cancer charity cash

WOMEN in Shepway are invited to sign up for this year's Race For Life and help more people survive cancer.

Organised by Cancer Research UK, the charity is sending invitations out to friends, family and colleagues now that entry to the Folkestone event is officially open.

Last year 2,937 women walked, jogged or ran the event, taking place for the third time in the town, and raised an incredible £141,000.

In 2009 organisers are encouraging 3,000 women to put their best feet forward and beat a target of £161,000.

This year's race is the UK's largest women-only fund-raising series. Women of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to walk, jog or run the 5km event.

Many of those who take part are cancer survivors themselves or are participating in memory of a loved one or someone whose life has been affected by cancer.

Natasha Etienne, race manager for Kent, said: "Women of all ages,

abilities, shapes and sizes join in. They motivate and inspire each other to complete the course.

"Many simply walk round, chatting and having fun, but they all share the wonderful spirit of sisterhood and pride on the day.

She said the number of people surviving cancer was increasing, from fewer than three out of ten children in the 1960s being successfully treated to seven out of ten.

Folkestone racers will be among a total of 680,000 women across the country taking part at more than 230 events between May and July.

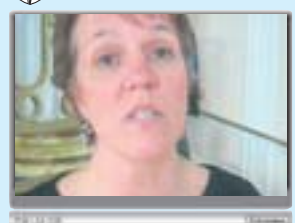
Cancer Research UK hopes that together they will raise a total of £60 million to fund the charity's life-saving work.

This year Race For Life in Folkestone takes place on Sunday, June 21, at 11am on The Leas.

Women in Kent are invited to enter Cancer Research UK's Race For Life at www.raceforlife.org or alternatively by phoning 0871 641 2282.

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Car club appeal for its charity drive

AN AMERICAN auto fan club is looking for volunteers to help with its next charity car show.

Cadets, Scouts and other similar groups are asked to help with the marshalling of car-parking and placing of the show cars for the event in September in return for a donation to their organisation.

A classic car show has been arranged in aid of the Martha Trust and Proventus Trust, to be held at Folkestone race course on Sunday, September 20.

If you are interested in helping, write to David Godden at Yockletts, Mayfield Road, Lyminge CT18 8HL, or phone 01303 862777.

The Left Hookers American auto club meets on the fourth Saturday of every month and has almost 150 members.

Join in sponsored run and get a lift

A CHARITY race to raise money for the restoration of the Leas Lift Carriage hopes to be able to meet the appeal's £25,000 target.

The 5km sponsored run along the promenade between Sandgate and Hythe has been organised by Running 3 Events and is open to amateurs aged 13 and over.

Prizes are available for first-placed men and women in the junior, senior and team categories and the course is described as fast, flat and accurate, with kilometre markers provided.

The race takes place on Sunday, March 29, at 10am with a £5 entry fee.

For more information, phone race organiser John Creane on 01303 274499, or email jcreane@btinternet.com.



LIONS NEED YOUR HELP

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is appealing for your unwanted plants as it bids to create natural settings for its big cats.

Bamboo, shrubs and grasses are all needed for the lions' and tigers' enclosures.

Keepers are asking for people to give surplus garden plants to the Aspinall Foundation so they can be used to make big cats feel more at home.

Once planted, the vegetation will provide hiding places and enrich the animals' lives.

Richard Barnes, head of the large carnivore section, said: "The park is extensive and we are always seeking to develop and enhance the area that the animals inhabit."

"There are many areas of the park in need of additional foliage, particularly in and around the Barbary lions' enclosures and the tigers."

House and office plants are also wanted for use in the reptile house.

Keepers are happy to collect any superfluous foliage, or you can phone 01303 264647 and arrange to bring unwanted greenery to the park.

Swings and roundabouts in debate over new playground

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

A CONTROVERSIAL play area is to be built at Lydd despite residents' opposition and confusion over the plans.

A petition was sent to Shepway council last year claiming the location in Megan Close was unsuitable for a number of reasons, including the fact it was near a road, elderly and retired people lived nearby and there were few young children living in the area.

Another concern was that it would attract teenagers who would vandalise the area, drink and take drugs.

However, the issue has been complicated by the fact that £16,000 allocated towards the play area has already been spent on equipment specifically for Megan Close, despite suggestions that it be used at an existing site at nearby Rype Close.

A Shepway council questionnaire which followed the petition has since found more people

in favour of the proposals going ahead as planned than previously, with 36 against and 22 in favour.

A report prepared for Shepway's cabinet last month said: "Although a majority of those that responded are against the play equipment, a significant number of respondents want the equipment installed on the site."

"A number of these are clearly parents with young children and there is a lack of play equipment for younger children in this part of Lydd."

"This was identified at the time of the planning application for the Megan Close development."

In response to concerns about the negative effects of approving the plans, the report said: "The degree to which a toddlers' play area would attract older children and young people must be questionable."

"Although there is sympathy with the con-

cerns of residents that the equipment will attract older children and bring with it associated problems of antisocial behaviour, this could equally be the case with the existing open space."

Richard Styles, clerk of Lydd town council, said the original petition showed there was almost complete unanimity in opposition to the plans but Shepway council's survey had disproved this.

He said the town council's role was merely to "influence, advise and suggest" and could not make a decision on an agreement between Shepway and the developers.

Under planning rules, developers are obliged to make a contribution to the community in which they have built, known as a Section 106 agreement. The contribution dates from 1997, when houses were built in Megan Close and Samuel Mews.

The play equipment is now sitting in storage waiting to be set up.

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Pub opens its own wonderwall of art with shots of rock stars

WHEN sitting down for a pint in your local pub you do not always expect to be gazing upon the latest experimental work in photography or sculpture.

But that's exactly what the New Inn in Etchinghill has decided to offer to help adapt to the difficult economic climate.

In an era when beer sales are down almost ten per cent and establishments are struggling to survive, landlord Kevin Johnson came up with the idea to get more customers through the door while promoting interest in local artists.

He said: "Like a lot of pubs, we have spare capacity on certain days, so I thought 'Why let it go to waste?'."

"I'd rather use the space imaginatively than see it half-empty in the afternoons. This type of

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

event helps keep the spirit of the pub alive and is totally free.

"The real beauty is that everyone's a winner. Artists can enjoy an exclusive space in which to demonstrate their talents and maybe even sell the odd piece."

He said the idea was first discussed with friend Paul Barron, a producer for an arts TV programme in Manchester, after the pub displayed some 40 watercolour paintings by British artist Stephen Pitt.

Mr Barron said: "That's when we started to spell out ideas about having a running display featuring a new, in-house artist each month."

"It seems to have been a talking point and it was certainly very busy during Valentine's weekend when we launched our first exhibition."

Swedish photographer Karin Albinsson was chosen to launch Art @ The New Inn on Sunday, February 15, when she answered questions about her work.

Some of the photos on display include recent assignments in the Sahara desert and iconic images from the Manchester music scene, featuring the likes of Oasis and Stone Roses.

As a thank-you to the pub for displaying her work, Karin took some free customer portraits at the Valentine's dinner the night before the opening.

Other artists lined up to display include ornithology experts Birds Birds Birds, who combine oils and watercolours with nature walks of the surrounding area; there is also a proposed exhibit of ceramics and pottery by Romney Marsh Arts and Crafts.

To find out more or to submit your own artwork, go to www.new-inn.info.

Shop smashed up by hoodie gang

A ROMNEY Marsh store suffered damage estimated at £200 when it was targeted by thieves.

Police are asking for witnesses to come forward after the shop in Coast Drive, Greatstone, was hit between 3.40am and 3.55am on Sunday, February 22.

Three offenders were seen running away with cigarettes.

It is believed they ran into Clark Road after a police patrol responded within five minutes of the call. A search of the premises and surrounding area was made.

One burglar was wearing a dark hoodie over dark jogging bottoms with two thin stripes down the outside of the legs, dark trainers and white gloves.

The second wore a hoodie, bottoms, shoes and gloves that were all-dark.

The third was wearing a dark hoodie with a 'sandy' hoodie underneath, with the hood worn over the head. He was also wearing dark jogging bottoms with a thick stripe down the outside of the legs and white trainers.

Phone police on 01303 289180 or the Crimestoppers hotline on 0800 5555111.

Picture KARIN ALBINSSON



This iconic photograph of Oasis leader Noel Gallagher performing is one of the pictures included in the opening exhibition of works by local artists that is being staged at the New Inn pub in Etchinghill

Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have your say on the future

PEOPLE in the district have been given the chance to voice their opinions and help to shape the future of Shepway over the next 20 years.

The East Kent Local Strategic Partnership (EKLSP), which also incorporates Thanet, Canterbury and Dover councils, has produced a draft sustainable community strategy, covering the region's business, housing, education, transport and natural environment.

The intention of the plan is to set out a clear, long-term vision for the future of east Kent and the document outlines the steps that will need to be taken to make the vision a reality.

Its mission statement is that by 2030: "East Kent will have been transformed, building on its unique location and heritage, making it a beacon of innovation, enterprise and educational excellence in the South East."

Two exhibitions are being held so people living in Shepway can see the plans and give their feedback on the proposals.

The first is being held today (Wednesday) at Sainsbury's in Dymchurch Road, New Romney, from 10am-5pm, and there is another at the University Centre Folkestone tomorrow from 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm.

EKLSP chairman Stephen Kingsman said: "This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for residents to have an active say on how their community will be shaped over the next two decades."

"It is crucially important that this strategy is inclusive and the local community has had the opportunity to input into it, so I'd urge everyone to get involved and have your say on your future."

The sustainable strategy document is also available online at www.eastkentlsp.org.uk and the closing date for all comments is Thursday, March 26.

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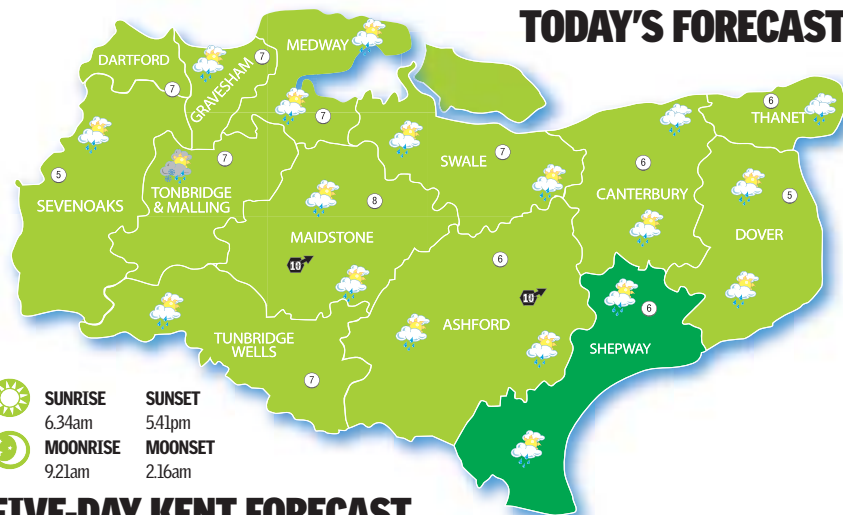
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Canterbury	8°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	8°C	Maidstone	10°C	7°C	8°C	9°C	9°C
Chatham	10°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C	Ramsgate	8°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	8°C
Dartford	10°C	7°C	8°C	10°C	10°C	Rochester	10°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C
Dover	8°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	8°C	5°C	7°C	7°C	8°C
Faversham	10°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C	Sittingbourne	10°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C
Folkestone	8°C	5°C	6°C	8°C	7°C	Tonbridge	9°C	7°C	8°C	9°C	9°C
Gillingham	10°C	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C	Tun Wells	9°C	7°C	8°C	9°C	9°C

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Dover	Saturday	7:44am	5.5m
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Dungeness	Saturday	7:18am	6.1m
	Sunday	8:39am	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:14am	4.2m
	Sunday	9:30am	4.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:50am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:15am	5.2m
Whitstable	Saturday	9:07am	4.5m
	Sunday	10:32am	4.9m

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Beijing	1°C	Rome	14°C
Bombay	36°C	Sydney	26°C
Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	19°C
Cardiff	9°C	Tokyo	9°C
Gibraltar	14°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	20°C	Warsaw	4°C
Las Palmas	16°C	Wellington	21°C

Foundation status boost for hospital trust services

THE hospitals trust serving Shepway has been awarded foundation status, giving it greater autonomy from the Department of Health.

Leaders at East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust announced the news on Friday last week after a long assessment period with independent regulator Monitor.

Nicholas Wells, the trust's chairman, said: "This is a very positive move for the trust and will help us to continue improving the service we provide to the people of east Kent."

"Successfully coming through Monitor's rigorous assessment process gives formal recognition of the trust as an effective organisation with strong governance and a sound and sustainable financial foundation."

"We have already held elections for the new trust's governing council, which will be meeting next week to begin the work."

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"I was delighted at the large number of talented local people who offered themselves for election and I know that they will be a great help to us in shaping the trust's strategic direction."

Foundation trusts were created to devolve decision-making from Government control to local organisations and communities so they were more responsive to the needs of local people.

The trust's chief executive Stuart Bain said: "As a foundation trust we will have much greater control of our own affairs."

"In conjunction with the new governing council and membership [currently numbering some 13,000] we will be able to develop our services in ways that ensure we are aligned with the needs of the local population."

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KEIARA WELLS



Q Tell us a little about yourself

A I'm an American, born and raised in Florida and I moved to England in 2005 to marry my wonderful husband, Steve. People always think I'm crazy for giving up the climate of Florida, but I much prefer the weather here. I have a beautiful daughter, Kaia, who is an aspiring actress and attends a performing arts school. I love what I do and work pretty much non-stop.

Q How did you get involved in glass-blowing and jewellery?

A I was trained as a paralegal back home and when I moved over here I was faced with a decision. I could go to school and learn my trade all over again or I could pursue something new. My husband encouraged me to explore other areas I was interested in and in fact he was the one who bought me my first jewellery-making kit. Initially I created pieces as gifts, but my mother-in-law, Chris, insisted I start selling the jewellery. I took her advice and was so pleased when my first piece sold to a complete stranger.

Q What happened then?

A I started using Sterling silver, gemstones and Swarovski crystals and my jewellery became more sophisticated. Then I chanced upon lampwork beads, which are made by hand using glass rods and a torch. These were not only treasures but individual works of art

and I found myself spending more time buying beads than making jewellery. I even convinced my husband to take me to a big bead fair on our wedding anniversary. It was there that I met glass-blower Martin Tuffnell. I was enthralled and after a few days of playing with the glass I knew I had found my true passion.

Q How did you come to know of and live in Folkestone?

A When I first moved to England, my husband owned a house in Ashford. Although it was nice enough, I wanted to live somewhere with a bit of history. When we first drove into Folkestone to view properties for sale, I was smitten. I loved all the Victorian houses and the old high street. I enjoyed the market, which was originally down at the seafront but has now moved to the town centre. I felt so much more at home. Folkestone simply has a feel to it, a spirit, which is perfect for me. We looked at several different houses, but when we finally walked through the front door of our home, I just knew it was the one, a three-storey Victorian house built in 1895. To a girl who grew up in a town where most things were built in the 1970s, it was amazing.

Q Tell us about your more exotic or unusual creations

A I love to create whimsical beads and I make lots of sweets, animals and fairytale creatures. I've been dubbed the Cupcake Queen

within the lampwork community. I also make big-hole beads which fit Troll, Pandora and Lovelinks bracelets. Recently I've been creating pet portrait big-hole beads. I ask for a picture of the customers' pets and then I create beads that look like their furry friends – these have been a huge hit. I also make beads to resemble family members – I ask about the person's favourite colours and then create beads which represent the customer's loved ones.

Q What is the most enjoyable aspect of what you do?

A I enjoy expressing myself with art, and with hot glass I have finally found a medium that I am truly passionate about. It is also fun trying to explain to people what I do. If someone asks about a piece of jewellery and I tell them I made it, they are quite fascinated. When I tell them I also make the beads, they are confused! I think many people are unfamiliar with lampworking and don't realise that these beads are created by human hands. I enjoy having people in my studio to show them the process. It is so much fun to show someone how to create beads and let them create some of their own. Even the most simple bead is an amazing triumph and it's that joy, that excitement, that I love to see in others.

Q Where can people find out about you and your work?

A My work can be seen at www.bykeiara.co.uk and www.bykeiara.etsy.com.



Keiara Wells, a jewellery artist originally from Florida, speaks to **James Alexandre** about how her career in glass-blowing began, her passion for creating original pieces and what drew her to live in Folkestone

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Thurs 26th	Boulogne	£23.00	£18.00	Wed 29th	Ikea & Lakeside Shopping Centre	£11.00	£9.00
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EDF Energy is one of the UK's largest energy companies and now incorporates British Energy.

We intend to nominate land next to Dungeness B power station into the Government's process to identify sites suitable for new nuclear power.

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The industry has until 31 March 2009 to nominate sites. In April the Government will publish the nominations and you will then have a month to provide additional information you think would be relevant to the assessment of the site. Later in the year the Government will run a full consultation on the draft Nuclear National Policy Statement and list of potential sites.

Once the National Policy Statement is in place it will be up to developers to take forward any specific proposals to construct new nuclear power stations through the planning process. This process will involve further consultation.

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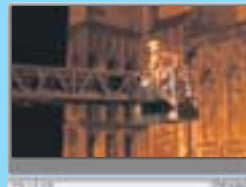
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News merger turns off ITV's viewers

BY SIMON ROBINSON

HUNDREDS of TV viewers across Kent have vowed to switch off ITV Meridian after the station merged three news areas into one.

The ITV Meridian South East show has been combined with the Thames Valley and South shows into a single "pan-regional" broadcast.

The super-region reaches a population of eight million people, 12 county councils, 86 MPs, 60 district councils – from Dover to Oxford and Medway to Portsmouth – and seven international airports.

Kent viewers have taken to ITV's message board in their hundreds to complain about the move.

Angela Fyfe, one of more than 500 viewers to hit out at the new show online, wrote: "The news area covered now is far too large. Nobody in the Kent area is interested in Southampton, West Sussex and so on, and I am quite sure all viewers feel the same."

"You will lose many loyal local news watchers by these changes, please think again."

"That Ginger Guy" added: "Cringeworthy television at its best. I don't bother with ITV with news any more."

"It's dreadful that you thought of saving money by making local news no longer local or watchable."

"PGC" wrote: "I have tried to be patient and give the new-look programme a chance. But I'm afraid it has lost not only its identity, it has also lost its sparkle, personality and charm."



BROAD-CAST: Fred Dineage and Sangeeta Bhabra bringing you news from Southampton and Basingstoke

"The audience is there for a local news programme – but this isn't it. If ITV want to save money, this is not the answer, why drive your audience away?"

ITV's online editor Jonathan Marland said the combined ITV Meridian news bulletin – with East and West segments – had come as a result of "economic realities".

He wrote on the ITV website: "The changes have all been made against a background of massive upheaval in British broadcasting. In a nutshell ITV had an obligation to make regional news as part of the original conditions of its broadcasting

licence. But those conditions have been relaxed as a result of the huge number of digital stations now competing for advertising revenue, and the credit squeeze."

"This is all part of a big national debate about public service broadcasting and who should pay for it. The problem is that PSB is expensive and cannot be maintained on a purely commercial basis."

"The Government is promising to come up with a solution soon."

"In the meantime economic realities have forced changes across the whole PSB landscape."

University of Kent opens up a world of study in Brussels

The University of Kent markets itself as the UK's European University. It has partnerships with colleges in Germany, Spain, Austria, France and for more than ten years it has been running its own small campus in the political heart of Europe. Reporter **ED HILL** paid them a visit.

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CONTACTS: Marty Gaal Kent's School of International Studies due to its connection with many of the world's largest political organisations, such as the EU and NATO.

John Macgregor, dean of the school, said: "We have been here for ten years. It started off with a dozen students so it has had tremendous growth."

The courses run at the institution specialise in international relations and law, as well as many other topics. All the courses are aimed at post-graduate students.

Most of the students that attend the school come from overseas, with the majority coming from America and Canada.

Marty Gaal, 35, from Vancouver, said: "I had been living in Asia for six or seven years and needed to come back to do a PhD and I wanted to come to Europe. To find an English speaking university in Brussels met all my requirements."

"The course here has meant I have been able to make lots of contacts. I worked with the European Parliament and a consultancy firm."

The MA courses generally run for one year and have expanded to include conflict analysis, international economics and migration studies.

The University of Kent has also announced it is setting up courses in humanities for postgraduate students in Paris.

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■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

KOS Media – publisher of this newspaper and the award-winning Kent on Sunday – has this week launched a major new campaign for 2009 to help boost the county's economy.

Our Buy Local Produce campaign is spearheaded by the launch of www.foodforkent.co.uk a one-stop shop allowing you to order local online, and have it delivered to your door.

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added benefit of every penny helping boost our local economy.

It forms a key part of our campaign which looks to raise awareness of shopping locally for delicious, locally produced, food and drink.

The campaign is being supported by Produced in Kent – the non-

profit organisation supported by both Kent County Council and Hadlow College – which promotes and assists local suppliers and products.

Doug Wanstall is one of the county's best known farmers. From his land in Aldington, near Ashford, he has developed a reputation as one

of the county's foremost suppliers – particularly in free range eggs.

He explained: "Look at France. They hardly know there's a recession there. They all drive French cars, holiday in France, eat French food, drink French wine. Its national economy supports itself.

"If we did that in Kent – if we visited the tourist attractions here, we buy local food, we drink local wine, in short, if we used all the services we have here, we, as a county could pull ourselves out of this recession quite quickly.

"I believe by supplying the likes of FoodforKent.co.uk we are helping redesign the food supply chain in Kent."

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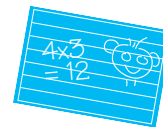
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TOP MARKS: Brenzett Primary School was awarded 'good' status after its recent Ofsted report in January

Marsh primary gets a glowing Ofsted report

STUDENTS and staff at Brenzett primary have reason to celebrate after achieving the second-highest rating in an Ofsted report.

The Church of England school, which has 126 pupils from the village and across Romney Marsh, was awarded 'good' status and praised in every area of assessment.

The report said: "The quality of care provided by the school is a real strength and this is reflected in the happy and warm welcoming atmosphere."

"The school has maintained good-quality care, guidance and support for its pupils so that their personal development and well-being are good."

"Staff make strenuous efforts to bring the local community into the school and give parents and their children opportunities to experience events together, such as learning to make kites."

The inspectors also highlighted pupils' good behaviour, the high level of support on offer and the well-planned curriculum.

The school has a high percentage of pupils with learning difficulties and disabilities, but inspectors noted their needs were identified early and given carefully focused support. This is helped with some good links estab-

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

lished with parents, although it also said more could be done to match work given to those pupils with their particular weaknesses.

Another example given was the need for better marking to show how students' work could be improved and more opportunities to follow up on any advice given.

Inspectors visited the school on January 22 and a second team arrived later that day to look at the after-school care facility, grading it as good throughout.

Head-teacher Howard Fisher was "delighted" with the report and said: "The inspectors highlighted the school's strengths and improvements, focusing on the effective teaching and the curriculum."

"It was a busy day, but I am delighted that the hard work of the staff was rewarded in the reports for both the school and the care facility."

In a letter to pupils read out to them at assembly, the inspectors said:

"We agree with you that Brenzett CEP School is a good school – you behave very well and like the family atmosphere in the school... your head-teacher and staff work well together to make sure the school improves all the time."

BREAK TIME

College awarded at London ceremony

PENT Valley Technology College has been recognised at an awards ceremony in London for a significant improvement in its GCSE results.

All 587 schools which met at least one of the criteria were invited to the event, organised by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and held at the Royal College of Physicians on February 23.

The school in Surrenden Road, Folkestone, was recognised as one of the top in its category, for "ten percentage points or more improvement between 2005-2008 in achieving five or more A*-C GCSEs, with year-on-year improvement including English and maths."

Sir Mike Tomlinson, chief adviser of London Challenge, was the guest speaker and joined SSAT chairman Sir James Hill in presenting the awards.

Head-teacher Mario Citro said: "I am very proud that the efforts of our students and teachers have yet again been recognised nationally. Every year we

expect our results to be better than the year before and every year we manage to achieve this.

"Very important for me is the fact that these improvements simply seem to encourage greater and greater efforts from everybody at the school and I know this will ensure the continued success of our students."

Creativity is at the art of evening event

CREATIVE arts students at South Kent College will be among those showing what they can do when they take part in a showcase event at Quarterhouse next week.

Those based at the Shorncliffe Road campus will be at Folkestone's newest venue to give dance performances on stage and show a collection of short films and animations before finishing the night with some live music.

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This week's writer asks for some public responsibility as a personal tragedy unfolds

Why we must back off to let tragic Jade die with dignity

THE blanket media coverage given to Jade Goody's health in recent weeks has made nothing but disturbing reading.

Regardless of your views on Jade for misdemeanours gone by, the terrible tragedy of her terminal illness makes her deserving of nothing but our sympathy.

Her predicament and its coverage has sparked a rise in the number of women checking for cervical cancer and that can only be a good thing.

Yet the national tabloid media's desire to highlight Jade Goody's plight now appears to have morphed into a rather gruesome countdown to her death.

Without question, the former Big Brother contestant has made no effort to shield her life from the glare of the spotlight.

In fact, she courted it – and with good reason. After all, the media is prepared to pay for

access to such stories, and if the money is to go into a trust fund for the financial future of her sons, who would want to criticise a mother's natural instinct to protect her children once she is gone?

But there must come a point where someone's dignity at this stage of their life must be protected.

And if Jade – or, more to the point, her advisors – is unable to decide when that is, the media and, indeed, we as consumers of news, must make that decision.

There is a fine line between highlighting a story and simply taking advantage to become rather bizarre voyeurs. I suspect we are on the verge right now of overstepping that line.

We do not need to see this young woman actually die before our eyes. We do not need to photograph and record her every final moment.

This is a human tragedy and regardless of an unquenchable desire for fame and publicity, we, as a society, need to say enough is

enough. This is not through a desire to be protected against life's inevitable conclusion. Nor is it a desire to shield ourselves from the appalling sadness of seeing someone's life and soul slowly drip away; for it is not unusual

It is a desire for dignity. A desire for Jade Goody not to end her life as so much of it has been conducted, as a puppet for other people's purposes, be that making money or selling magazines.

Jade is the epitome of modern-day celebrity. Catapulted into the national consciousness by an appearance on a reality TV show, her talent an apparent desire to reveal every part of herself in pursuit of fame and the perceived answers that brings. Yet she deserves, in her darkest hour, her dignity. And her children deserve that dignity, too.

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TALK TIME

TOBY PHILPOTT

The Folkestone businessman and former parliamentary candidate speaks about his latest blog, his introduction to politics and the many opportunities for the area



Tell us a little about yourself

I'm 39 and attended St Peter's Primary School and Harvey Grammar School. I live in the town with my wife Qun and daughter Anna and am a member of the Folkestone Lions Club. I run my own management and business development training business, West End Training. When not working with local companies, I travel abroad, advising foreign governments on how to develop effective small-business development policies and projects. I've worked in more than 20 countries, lived in China for three years and am currently working with the Croatian government, advising them on developing their small-business policies to meet the requirements to join the EU.

Tell us about the Liberal Legend II and Kent Roundhead blogs and how they came about

I wanted to do it while I lived in China, but the Chinese authorities didn't permit access then. Liberal Legend was created on my return to the UK in 2005 and enabled me to sound off about issues such as international human rights, internal political debates with the Liberal Democrats and wider, national political issues. Liberal Legend II was created after my resignation as the Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate. I resigned from the party in December last year.

As a businessman, what do you think of the commercial life of Shepway?

It would not be unfair to say it's slower than in London and other towns. I think this will change in time as long as we grab the opportunity created by the high-speed rail link with both hands. I think the Chamber of Commerce and other networking organisations are doing their best to liven up the area.

YOUR LETTERS

Follow other towns' lead to beat far right

Before I comment on Gary Wright's blog last week, may I just point out to readers that my letter regarding Lydd airport *etc* last week was, of course, one held over from some weeks before.

It was perhaps apt, though, given the recent news of a further three to four months' delay in the planning decision due, in most people's view, to the airport's own lack of supplying all relevant data in the first place.

The unexpected printing of the letter also appears to have come as a blow to certain others.

I simply refer readers to my previous letters on that subject and that having made my point I have, allowing for the following, moved on.

In reply to Mr Wright, while I have some sympathy for his call for some caution and reflection after the Swanley vote, it should surely be noted that while many people, if not most, may not like to be told what to think, politicians, religious leaders and the media do it in various forms all the time.

Indeed the right-wing media, while they denounce and expose the far-right groups, regularly seem also to help foster and maintain outdated views with screaming headlines about migrants and others which, when you look into the facts, are usually an over-reaction.

However, what to do about challenging the advance of the far-right?



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Let's recall first that Swanley was also affected by the usual low-turn out and far-right activists being bussed in early to distribute their pernicious nonsense, catching the main parties on the hop.

The task, then, is to follow the other towns and areas that have taken successful action to

counter the extremists.

This includes places like Oldham, where a leading councillor in a national paper suggests, with apologies for borrowing it, the following: "Tackling them in the elections is the straightforward bit. 'Td say: don't ignore them; expose their unpleasant policies;

but don't let them hijack the agenda.

"Debate the real local issues with those who oppose you but who also care. Keep the debate on solutions and the far-right can be shown up as emperors with no clothes."

While the trouble can be that such groups thrive in difficult times and on people's genuine problems, the antidote is to take the long slog to tackle them.

If people believe and see their local mainstream councils, councillors and other non-extreme parties and people like independents or the Greens all doing their best in this regard, then protest voting would likely not be needed.

In Shepway, as elsewhere these days, we very rarely see, if at all, our elected town and district councillors outside election periods and the occasional flyer.

Surely it is time for a change and while I feel I have tried to do my bit recently, as an individual, to follow the Oldham example, it must be for the mainstream parties themselves, and their members/supporters, to become a lot more active in knocking on doors, both before, during and after election periods from now on, while producing the policies and actions that truly address people's concerns.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

We need reservoirs, not house meters

I refer to Andy Cadier's letter of February 11. It is now going to be compulsory to have water meters in Kent because, I understand, the water companies lobbied the

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At the time of writing, the busy schedule of racing is due to start with a parade of riders making their way along the promenade to the beach at 9.30am on Saturday and again on Sunday, setting the wheels in motion for two days of exciting competition.

Practice begins at 10am, followed

QRA MARGATE BIG SKY BEACH CROSS WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8
Margate Main Sands

by qualifying heats or racing from 10.30am. The country's top adult and youth quad and adult solo riders will be chasing the coveted Margate title at full throttle, with events running until 5pm both days.

After all the excitement of the races, the Grand Finale will be held on the Sunday. The top riders from each quad class will race each other to determine the fastest racer on the sands. The presentation of awards is due to take place at 4.30pm on Sunday.

On Saturday night, DJ Stumpy will host a social evening for competitors and their guests at the Smiths Court Hotel in Eastern Esplanade, Cliftonville, from 8.30pm.

The QRA – Quad Racing Association – and Margate Town Partner-

ship have been working hard to create a fun weekend for all the family.

There will be trade stands for petrol-heads to indulge their passion and lots more off-beach entertainment. If the exhilarating racing leaves anyone in the mood for some adrenaline-fuelled thrills, there will be fairground rides to keep the screams and laughs coming.

Best of all, admission to the event is free. With no charge for spectators, the QRA Margate Big Sky Beach Cross is a recession-beating day out for all the family.

Since it began in 2007, the event has proved phenomenally popular with racing fans and attracted a lot of media interest.

With only riders and officials having access to the sands, every inch of the beach can be used to create an exciting and challenging course in a relatively small area.

For more details about timetables, the event's history and other helpful information, visit the website at www.margatebeachcross.com.



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Londoner James Mason leads the home front, including 'Liverpool Lads' Robbie Brookside and Frankie Sloan, Kid Cool and 'Xtreme' Dean Allmark and pocket whirlwind Little Legs.

The world-class skirmishers will be supported by action from the ladies, including Sweet Saraya, Lancashire stunner Lisa Fury, Erin Angel, 'Norfolk Doll' Brittany Knight and Midlands ace Minx.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £12, concession available, or £35 for families of four. To book, call 0844 8471776 or see www.leascliffhall.org.uk.



THEY CAME FROM MARS

Wednesday to Saturday,
March 4-7
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THE much-loved characters from the Farndale comedies revisit Shepway in an extravagantly titled show.

Folkestone-Hythe, Operatic and Dramatic Society presents its production of They Came From Mars and Landed Outside The Farndale Avenue Church Hall In Time For The Townswomen's Guild's Coffee Morning. Written by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jnr, the play is another fun-filled chapter of life on the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate.

Following the success of two other comedies in the series - Murder Mystery and A Christmas Carol - in the 90s, FHODS have decided to bring the redoubtable



Picture: JEFF HICKS

ladies of Farndale back. The cast includes Anne Mortimer as bossy Mrs Reece, Monica Aherne as prima donna Thelma, Phil Aherne as long-suffering stage manager Gordon, Mel Durrant as nervous Felicity and Carol

Page as cheerful Norma. The show is directed by Graham Steel.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £9/£7.50. To book, call Tony Cock in the box office on 01303 223925.

PETER BRUNTNELL

Monday, March 9
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

DISCOVER the artist who has been hailed as 'one of England's best-kept musical secrets' when Peter Bruntnell visits Kent.

Since the release of his debut album 14 years ago, Bruntnell has been considered one of the county's best songwriters with a strong stage presence. The West Country-based artist has toured with acts such as Squeeze and The Handsome Family and is now touring his seventh album, Peter And The Murder Of Crows.

His career-defining album Normal For Bridgwater, featuring contributions from members of Son Volt, established Bruntnell in the US and led to Rolling Stone describing him as one of England's hidden gems, with his heavy country-rock.



The concert will be opened by talented singer-guitarist-songwriter Kit Holmes, who has established herself as a rising star on the UK acoustic scene. Critics have likened her sound to Nick Drake and Macy Gray, while

her second album, Catch The Star, earned her a five-star review in Maverick music magazine.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door. To book, call 01622 744481.

SHEPWAY LEISURE

Hotel celebrates a year of jazz entertainment

THE Peter Van der Byl Quintet returns to The Grand in Folkestone this week to help celebrate a special anniversary.

As the band that helped launch Jazz At The Grand, the quintet will be marking the first year of jazz at the hotel. They will be performing in Keppels Music Room tomorrow night at 8.30pm, admission is £4. For more information about events, see www.grand-uk.com.

Groups band together for first birthday gig

SOME of Kent's best new bands will be performing at BBC Introducing's first birthday party on Friday.

The headline act at the Quarterhouse in Tontine Street, Folkestone, will be Nick Harrison whose music is described as 'ska-tinged indie'.

The event is for over-16s and tickets cost £8. To book, call 01303 842192 or visit www.monthofmusic.co.uk.

Dress to impress when you party at 60s night

STEP back in time and enjoy an evening of 60s tunes at a fancy dress music night in Dymchurch.

On Saturday, Billy Shears will be presenting an evening of music and patrons can get in on the fun by dressing up in their wildest 60s outfits.

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BEFORE AND AFTER: Reporter Erica Jones when she arrived at the Saks Hair and Beauty salon (inset); and (main picture) after her pampering session, which included foot massage, facial, head massage and haircut

Pure Saks appeal

THERE are worst ways to spend my morning than meeting Emily and being carefully guided through an array of potential beauty treatments.

After a 'lifestyle consultation' – which involved discussing my bad eating habits, 'beauty regime' and problem areas (dark circles under tired eyes), Emily recommended the rather exhilarating-sounding anti-ageing visible brilliance facial. It would, she explained, help my eyes while also doing lots of lovely things to rejuvenate and tone the skin. Who was I to complain?

Now, call me naïve, but I always thought a facial was, well, face-centric... yet before anything touched my cheeks, I was treated to a quite remarkable foot massage.

If ever there is a way to get someone relaxed, this is it. It was a hot-lime foot-cleanse and my tired, abused feet were very grateful for the attention. I was almost sorry when Emily stopped to begin the work proper.

The facial itself used the popular range of Elemis products, a British brand which, it claims, can 'awaken the senses' while making you look and feel like a million dollars.

It involved a variety of beautiful-smelling creams, before a cool, but strangely pleasant, facemask was smoothed over my face. While this was left to set, my head was massaged before the mask was gently peeled from my face, taking all the dead skin away with it. A second mask was applied to nourish the new,

fresh-er skin with nutrients and vitamins to leave me with a refreshed glow to my complexion. The treatment was complemented with a hand and arm massage to give time for all that goodness to soak in.

By the time it was over I was impressed to notice a real healthier glow to my skin – especially my troublesome eyes.

Regardless of that, however, the experience was worth every penny (treatments cost £59-£65) just for the inner peace and calm it brought me.

As someone who's used to simply asking for her split ends to be tidied up, I found it a novel experience to have a full consultation, with careful questions regarding my own hair-care regime before we even began talking about the cut.

Like most, I'm reliant on my straighteners, and manageress Sam highlighted the impor-



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This year Saks Hair & Beauty celebrates 35 years in business. We sent **Erica Jones** along to discover the secret to its success and endure several hours of pampering all in the name of investigative reporting.



TOTAL RELAXATION: Elemis products were used for Erica's facial and left her skin with a noticeable healthier glow, especially around her 'troublesome' eyes

tance of treating my heat-damaged locks with TLC and recommended my session began with a professional Kerastase instant ritual mask (£6) to help revive the hair.

This was applied while I was having my hair washed (with added bonus of a head massage thrown in). We also discussed what I wanted from my haircut (£37-£45). Not ready for anything too different, I asked for a bit of a tidy-up. My hair can suffer sometimes from being a bit uncontrollable, and Sam was able to suggest layers would help tame it – a move which has proved to be beneficial, with my hair much easier to style.

During all the snipping we further discussed my hair-care regime, with Sam providing me with tips for nurturing my hair through the winter months.

Not only are intensive cleaning products (she recommended the L'Oreal professional range) and a good heat protector spray a necessity, but it turns out that washing my hair daily is a little too much, a welcome thought when it means I can have an extra five minutes in bed in the morning.

I can also confidently add that as I write five days later my hair, rather remarkably, still feels as soft as when I left the salon, so that mask really did do the trick.

SAKS has two salons in Kent, both offering a range of treatments and staffed by experienced beauty teams. From facials to waxing, hair removal to hair extensions, they have treatments to suit most budgets.

Our reporter visited the Maidstone branch, which is part of the David Lloyd Fitness complex in Lockmeadow. The other branch is in Kings Hill.

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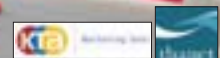
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Bands prepare to beat it out in festival play-off final

BY SIMON ROBINSON

FOUR bands will contest a festival-themed battle of the bands final next weekend – with the winner earning the right to play alongside Brit pop heavyweights Supergrass.

The winner-takes-all final will take place at Folkestone's new Quarterhouse venue on Saturday, March 14.

Dartford-based rock outfit Burgundy and Canterbury folk-rockers Waterhorse will join The Little Philistines and Monday Street, both of London, in the play-off for a place on this year's Sellindge Music Festival main stage bill.

Thoughts of sharing a backstage arena with the likes of Supergrass are but one performance away for one of the bands.

And they know the pressure to perform is now on. Waterhorse frontman Terrence Reis said: "Whoever takes the final will have had to fight for it and play their hearts out."

The Little Philistines added that sharing the line-up with Supergrass would be a dream come true, saying: "They inspired more than one of us to pick up the guitar for the first time."

"It would be an honour to share a stage with Gaz' chops."

The Battle of the Bands contest was staged at the Frenchman in Folkestone over two nights in January and February.

The four finalists were picked from ten competitors, who had been hand-picked from hundreds of hopeful applicants.



Festival manager Benjamin Wells said the standard had been exceptionally high.

He said: "All ten bands that competed gave an amazing live performance."

"Deciding on the finalists was incredibly difficult but we made the right choices and have a truly special line-up for the final."

Sellindge Music Festival – now in its second year – takes place from Friday, June 5 to Sunday, 7.

The festival line-up already boasts the likes of Mickey Slim, Eddy Temple Morris and Brandon Block.

No acts have as yet been confirmed for the acoustic or introducing tents and Supergrass are the only band unveiled as playing the main stage.

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS: Waterhorse (top) and The Little Philistines (above) are two of the bands hoping to feature in the Sellindge festival line-up with Supergrass

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Isla's shopped around for her first leading lady role

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

SHE may play a shopaholic in her latest film, but Isla Fisher says her real life doesn't imitate her art.

"I don't really enjoy shopping, I have to be honest. There's always so many people in the store, and so many choices," she says.

"More often than not, because I'm often shopping out of necessity, rather than it being a fun way to spend the afternoon, it's just me with a mission – in and out, and pick out whatever it is that I need."

The 33-year-old mother of one says she has little in common with her new character, fashion addict Rebecca Bloomwood in *Confessions Of A Shopaholic*, adapted from Sophie Kinsella's chick-lit bestseller.

In fact, you're more likely to catch Isla flashing the credit card for culinary gadgets than for the latest wardrobe must-have.

"I do like bags and shoes, but I'm a bookaholic at the moment, especially cookbooks," she says, grinning. "I seem to always be collecting cookbooks. It's wish fulfilment."

Just like die-hard shoppers who sometimes keep unworn purchases with their tags intact, the Australian actress finds herself in the same situation with cookbooks.

"I'm embarrassed to admit, there are a couple that haven't been opened. I buy Asian cookbooks and it's hard to find the ingredients – that's my excuse. I'm just lazy," she adds.

Confessions Of A Shopaholic marks the former *Home And Away* star's first major starring role on the big screen, although she has previously wowed audiences in *Wedding Crashers*, *Horton Hears A Who* and *Hot Rod*.

"I've been acting for a really long time and I felt, finally! I was as prepared as I could be,"



HOME AND AWAY: Isla Fisher's career has transformed

she says. "I knew I was responsible for the tone of the movie in a way I hadn't been as a supporting cast member."

"I knew the character was very beloved and I didn't want to disappoint the readers, but as nerve-wracking as it was, once I got going and started shooting the movie, I was so physically exhausted – I was breast-feeding every three hours – and trying to juggle every-

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thing that it just became about endurance."

Isla, who is engaged to British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen, gave birth to baby Olive in October 2007. She admits her fiancé is responsible for getting her the parts that have shaped her career.

"He got me into comedy. I was auditioning for dramatic roles and not having much success, and he said to me 'You're really funny, you should do comedy'. It was those words that inspired me," she recalls.

Isla has a dream to collaborate with her husband-to-be: "I would love to work with Sacha. I think he's the funniest man in the world. It'll be amazing. But not right now. At the moment I'm not working and I don't feel like working. I'm really lucky to be in a position that I am."

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■ BY TOM BETTS

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH JONATHAN ROSS
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AL MURRAY'S MULTIPLE PERSONALITY DISORDER
ITV1, 9.30pm, Friday

THE controversy surrounding Jonathan Ross and Russell Brand last year was only ever going to do one thing – increase interest in both personalities and their subsequent projects.

While the furore claimed Brand's radio job, the more established star managed to get off with a suspension and keep his multi-million-pound contract alive.

The return of his late-night talk show, which is by far Britain's most popular, was eagerly anticipated.

Many wondered if the host would be able to continue with his risqué humour and close-to-the-bone interview style, which has proved so successful, or whether he would tone down matters.

Perhaps it was a question that was always going to be a non-starter, because Ross really does know only one style, which I'm sure will please his legion of fans.

What has been a welcome change, though, is that his maddening habit of constantly talking about himself has dropped away a little.

During the last series, and the many that have gone before, it had become a show about the man himself rather than the guests.

Almost every conversation inevitably ended up being about Ross rather than who was sitting beside him, no matter how big the star.

With all the fuss now dying down, the show seems to have benefited from the break and a more humble,



TALKING IT UP: Ross has toned down his chat show antics after finding himself in hot water

slightly less self-obsessed Ross is actually a much better interviewer.

And, after all, that is what a chat show is supposed to be all about.

So if the cloying banter had led you to switch off before, the show is worth revisiting for a second look.

I can't say that Al Murray's Pub Landlord character ever really split my sides.

Mildly amusing maybe, but not the genius comic creation that some would have you believe.

Murray has scored his own sketch show on the back of the continued success of the pint-pulling, xenophobic anti-hero, though, and it started last week with a patchy affair that showed both dashes of promise and disappointment.

As a Perrier Award-winner, Murray can count the likes of Steve Coogan and Lee Evans among his peers, but it will be interesting to see if he can throw off the shackles of his best-known character, show he is more than just a one-trick pony and pull off a more varied endeavour.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
DON'T be surprised if romantic sparks fly between you and someone you meet over the next few days; they're attracted by your unusual outlook on life. If you're already in a relationship, your partner will see a pleasant change in the way you act think and love.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
LOOKING back on a difficult relationship puts your current situation in perspective. You're starting to see a trend. By avoiding the sort of people who have made your life miserable, you'll reach the lifestyle you've always desired. It's important to steer clear of martyrs.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
RECONSIDER the values you have held dear for the past few years. It's possible they are no longer practical or realistic. Be ready to explore different points of view. Going back to the religious and cultural practices of your ancestors could throw a light on your views and values.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU have a rare opportunity to go back and correct some old mistakes. A female employer may be very impressed with your work. Don't be surprised if she offers you a good job. It's also possible that an old boss will ask you to come back into the fold.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
MONEY that was owed to you some time ago could finally be repaid. Use it to get something you've always wanted, but didn't dare buy. You're long overdue for some luxurious treat that you don't necessarily need, but desperately want. If you're stumped for ideas, ask a loved one.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
GETTING back in touch with an old group of friends will be lots of fun. These people will remind you of a time when you had much bigger dreams. Maybe this is a sign you need to champion some of those goals anew. You're not the type who can rest on their laurels.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
IT'S a good time to look at your finances and think about your future, especially if you're in a relationship. You need a nest egg to feel safe. Given this need, it's wise to open an account in just your name. You can still contribute to a joint fund, but having your money own is important.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
TAKING up a creative project you left ages ago is a wonderful idea. You hate leaving things unfinished. Getting back into the habit of writing, painting, or playing music will awaken something deep inside you. You can't afford to let this side of yourself grow stale.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
YOU can get back to your fighting weight, it's just a matter of discipline. Post an attractive photo of yourself in a prominent spot. Every time you catch sight of this image, you'll be reminded of your goal. Arrange to give yourself a small reward each time you reach a target.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
YOUR boss may review your job description so don't be surprised if you are presented with a whole new set of responsibilities. They might not involve much creativity or imagination. Perhaps this is a sign you need to move on to greener pastures.
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
SOMEONE from the past could make a comeback into your life. Work out whether this will be good for you. After all, you've made tremendous progress since you parted company with them. You must admit, you have a tendency to put your needs aside for the sake of others.
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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
GOING through photo albums and mementoes will bring back some great memories. You have the opportunity to forge the life you always deserved and desired. Get into the habit of treating yourself to things you missed out on when you were younger. Make up for lost time.
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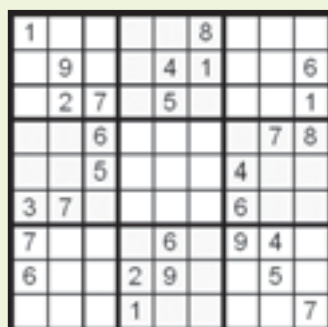
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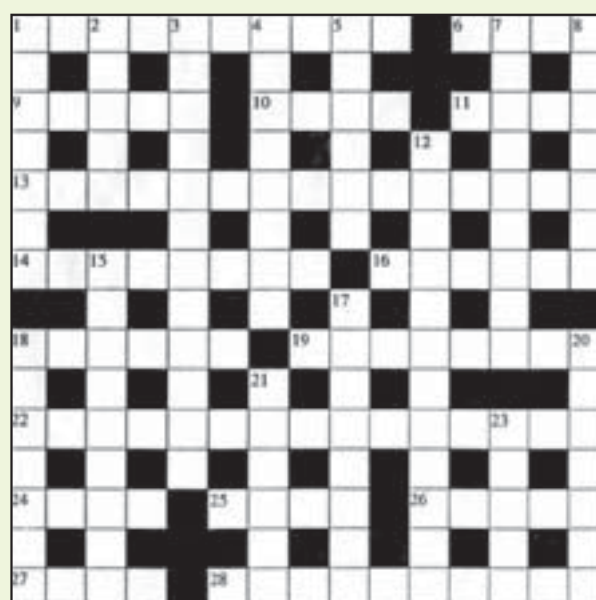
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- 1 Two requirements for the game (10)
 6 William's account (4)
 9 In disuse upper part of exhaust (3,2)
 10 This ran unsuccessfully (4)
 11 Basil, say, had some sherbet (4)
 13 Safely stored in gaol (5,4,3,3)
 14 Clean below the line (8)
 16 More correct-sounding scribe (6)
 18 Caprice by Virginia and Gareth (6)
 19 Invoice for earlier one, say (8)
 22 Among the medals during preceding quarter presumably (2,3,5,5)
 24 Girl had half a lump twice (4)
 25 Old from the year 500! (4)
 26 A doctor in the British Isles initially had a deer (5)
 27 Not about, stuck, puzzled with pointed tooth (4)
 28 Missive that's uncalled-for (4-6)

DOWN

- 1 Sent, say, for bunch of flowers (7)
 2 Place almost fixed (5)
 3 Where to sell things out of the country (6,6)
 4 Born lazy, involved with heraldry (8)
 5 UK, alas, exchanged capital! (6)
 7 Creakiest sort of performer at the rink (3-6)
 8 One attempting to influence the small hall hesitantly (7)
 12 Unrewarding version of a blueprint (12)
 15 Drug one's put underneath this computer (9)
 17 Was chairman before team started drifting (8)
 18 Shortly have piece inserted into small bloodvessel (7)
 20 Retailer did not start arranging workshop (7)
 21 Succession of clinking sounds in catchy rhyme (6)
 23 Send timer off (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Long-eared American hare (4-6)
 6 River Thames at Oxford (4)
 9 Small medieval fiddle (5)
 10 Warships (4)
 11 Rotate (4)
 13 Action that will lead to conflict (9,6)
 14 Greenhouse (8)
 16 In flower (6)
 18 Outwit (6)
 19 Quarter-circle (8)
 22 East African antelope (8,7)
 24 Frame of mind (4)
 25 Poultry bird (4)
 26 Adored (5)
 27 County in western Ireland (4)
 28 Castle defence (10)

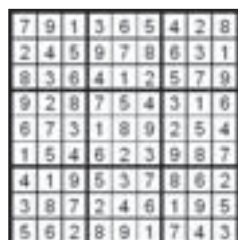
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- 1 Biblical city (7)
 2 Small party (5)
 3 Seesawing toy (7-5)
 4 Outlawry (8)
 5 Originate (6)
 7 Nervous Pa (anag.) (9)
 8 Ray (7)
 12 Excellent thing or person (5-7)
 15 Collection of poems (9)
 17 One-storey house (8)
 18 Most favourable (7)
 20 Altered (anag.) (7)
 21 Done in a building (6)
 23 Very angry (5)

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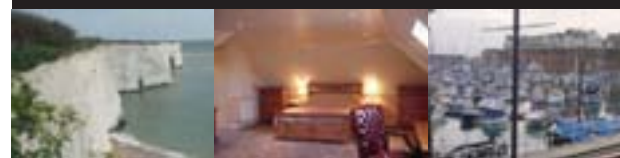
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Escape to the coast of tranquillity

BY CHRIS BRITCHER

IT would be easy in this day and age to write Cornwall off as something of a victim of its own success.

It is, after all, hugely popular courtesy of warm Atlantic air and some dramatic, craggy coastlines.

But it has something of an image problem; of being awash with surfers hurtling around in Scooby Doo-style camper vans and its housing stock being snapped up by the second-home brigade. It has given fuel to its critics who say its magic is diluted by a torrent of newcomers.

Yet while in the summer the narrow streets winding down to picture-postcard fishing villages set amid ragged rocks and bathed by turquoise waters become a mass of hot metal as cars compete for a slice of tarmac, off-season it retains a charm which is quite unique.

And, despite its fame, it has enough nooks and crannies in which it remains possible to escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Take The Lugger Hotel. A weak-armed child's stone's throw from the water's edge, the 17th century inn has long been entertaining visitors. It will come as little surprise it was once a smuggler's cove – hidden as it is in a bay surrounded by steep cliffs.

It nestles at the very foot of tiny Portloe on the Roseland Peninsula in Truro, 12 miles from St Austell. Its white-washed walls gleam against the lobster pots and boats which fisherman use to land their catch just yards from the kitchen door. It feels so remote. You can't even get a mobile phone reception here; which in this day and age is praise indeed.

And it delivers a slice of style and luxury without any of the pomp and ceremony which can make some hotels almost intimidating.



PHOTOS CHRIS BRITCHER

RETREAT: The Lugger Hotel (right) is found at the water's edge in a beautiful, secluded Cornish cove

Our room, in a converted boathouse a 30-second stroll from the main hotel building, was a mass of spotless creams and whites – the linen deep and rich, the décor perfect for the spectacular setting outside your window.

This is a walker's paradise. Coastal routes wind their way up the cliff sides, providing perfect views across the deep blue waters and breathtaking scenery. The town itself, however, offers little other than unspoilt charm.

Remarkably, locals estimate about 70 per cent of the pretty cottages in Portloe are second homes. An evening stroll to the Ship Inn nearby is done in almost complete darkness and silence as darkened homes line the five-minute route. It's a little eerie, and rather sad if truth be told.

The small shops which have long since closed their shutters for the final time have stopped being the heartbeat of the this pretty village. Now The Lugger fulfils that role;

expanding into nearby properties to offer a varied range of accommodation.

Strapping on your walking boots for a stroll is the ideal way in which to build up an appetite for a meal in the low-ceiling, wooden-beamed restaurant. It is truly a gourmet delight. The daily changing menu boasts fresh caught fish and seasonal vegetables that almost throb with taste and freshness.

There's even a growing range of spa treatments on offer for the guest wanting to indulge in the ultimate in relaxation. An hour being pampered amid the candles and music before taking in the clean, crisp air outside is very much the icing on the top of a quite wonderful, self-indulgent cake.

What's more, with the Eden Project just 40 minutes drive away and miles and miles of coastline to explore, Cornwall may just need to go back on the must-visit map. And The Lugger should be the must-book hotel.



Travel details

Chris Britcher was a guest of The Lugger Hotel. He stayed in a deluxe room with sea views and a daily rate of £250 for double occupancy and inclusive of breakfast, three-course dinner, and VAT. Special weekend break rates are available, as are three night midweek rates.

The Elemis range of spa treatments start at £40 and include special treatments for men and women.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Wide-ranging market study gets under way

THE Office of Fair Trading has launched its market study into home buying and selling, following two months of discussion with interested parties on its scope.

The study will take a comprehensive look at the market for home buying and selling services. It will consider:

- Competition on price and quality between service providers, principally estate agents.

- Prospects for entry by new business models, including internet-based.

- Whether the regulatory framework provides the right balance between protecting consumers and ensuring the market remains open to competition and innovation.

- Relationships between estate agents and other service providers such as mortgage brokers, surveyors, solicitors and other professional advisors.

The study will cover the UK, while recognising the significant differences in how the market works in Scotland.

The OFT intends to complete the study before the end of 2009. For more details, visit www.offt.gov.uk/homes.

Average house price falls £28K in a year

THE average house price is now £156,753, down almost £28,000 on January 2008. This represents an annual decrease of 15.1 per cent.

In London, the average price fell 14.1 per cent annually to £306,183.

It is the 17th month in a row where the annual rate of change has fallen, in contrast with 21 months of uninterrupted increases in the average annual rate of change between December 2005 and August 2007.

The most up-to-date figures available show that during November 2008 the number of completed house sales fell by 67 per cent to 33,404 from 100,730 in November 2007.

In London only 3,504 house sales were completed in November 2008 compared with 12,719 in November 2007 – a fall of 72 per cent. For more information and to view the latest statistics, visit www.landregistry.gov.uk/houseprices/

Agents confirm growing first-time buyer activity

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

FIRST-time buyers are edging out of their shells and tentatively beginning to venture into the offices of estate agents.

They are the key to any property recovery. If first-time buyers are not buying, chains simply can't develop, let alone be completed.

But now the National Association of Estate Agents is reporting many of its members are seeing more first timers.

All that needs to happen now is for the banks to lose their Scrooge image.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has said he wants to see the end of 100 per cent mortgages, which will make life even harder for first-time buyers, who will have to show their deposit funds have not been borrowed and are pure savings.

Mr Brown has also been told stamp duty should be scrapped for all but the most expensive properties to ease the burden on new buyers. And Northern Rock, virtually nationalised this time last year, has announced it will be lending up to £14 billion over the next two years – more welcome news for the market in general.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive of the estate agents' association, said: "Our figures show there is huge demand for property from first-time buyers, who are increasingly visiting estate agents, registering their interest and searching for property."

"These figures demonstrate they are being frustrated at the final hurdle because lenders are not making mortgages available."

"First-time buyers are crucial, not only to the housing market, but the entire economy. More must be done to help them."

And John Oakley, the chairman of the association's east Kent branch, said he too was seeing the start of some sort of recovery.

He said: "Locally there is a marked increase in first-time buyers registering with our member firms."



OPEN DOOR: Falling prices are enticing first time-buyers after years of being unable to get a foothold on the ladder

"With the reduction in house prices, they perceive now is a good time to get on the housing ladder."

"Houses are now affordable, but first-time buyers are being frustrated by the difficulties in getting a mortgage, with lenders looking for ever larger deposits."

"If the first-time buyers are not helped and

encouraged to take that first step, the rest of the market cannot get moving. Banks and building societies must stop putting obstacles in the way and start to release funds."

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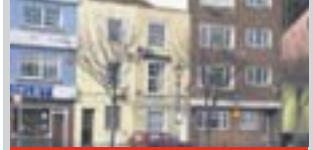
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Four bedroom terrace house with two reception rooms and gardens to front and rear.

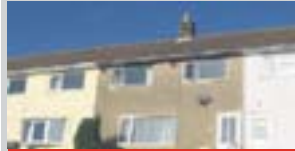
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Three bedroom semi detached family home with double glazing, gas central heating and garden. No chain.

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Viewing is recommended for this modern purpose built first floor flat. Security entry phone. No chain. central heating.

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£105,000

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CHERITON



£105,000

Semi-detached house, entrance hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom/WC.

FOLKESTONE



£119,500

The property is well positioned for all local amenities and offers some sea views from the first floor.

CHERITON



£139,950

Viewing is recommended for this two bedroom house. Recently re-wired and a central heating system installed.

FOLKESTONE



£145,000

3 storey mid terrace house, lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bathrooms/WC's, four bedrooms and separate WC.

FOLKESTONE



£147,500

End of terrace house, entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, 5 bedrooms.

FOLKESTONE



£149,995

Recently decorated ground floor flat, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom/WC and balcony.

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Viewing is recommended for this unique style family home, one/two reception rooms, fitted kitchen.

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WHITFIELD OIEO £130,000

NO CHAIN. 3 bedroom semi detached house. Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, bathroom, garden, driveway, garage, central heating and double glazing.

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WHITFIELD OIEO £145,000

3 Bedroom Terraced House. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory, Ground Floor Bathroom and side access. 100ft garden and central heating.

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3 Bedroom extended terraced house. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Family Bathroom and a Garage. Front and rear gardens.

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WHITFIELD £175,000

NO CHAIN. 4 bedroom house. Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, family bathroom. Rear corner plot garden, garage, driveway, central heating and double glazing.

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KEARSNEY OIEO £199,950

3 bedroom house. Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Downstairs WC, Kitchen, Utility Room. The first floor offers three double bedrooms and family bedroom. Central heating, garden.

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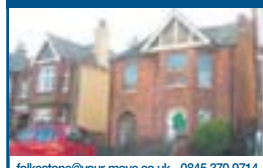
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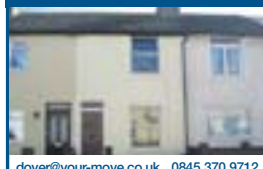
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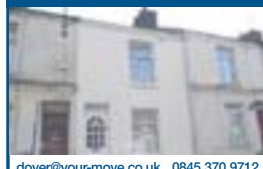
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- Superb renovation works
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FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02896**

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- Fully renovated
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- 2 bathrooms, 2 receptions
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FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02483**

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- Two receptions
- No chain



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FOLKESTONE **£130,000**

FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02473**

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- No forward chain
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- 3 bedroom terraced
- 2 reception rooms
- Rear garden



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- Sea views
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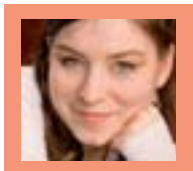
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African, single mum, caring, adventurous, generous, 30yrs old, medium build. I love cinema/TV, music, bowling, shopping, cosy nights in. Box 882789

LTR WANTED

Easysgoing black female, 32, medium build, likes football, cooking and socialising, looking for a non-smoking, loving and caring white male, 25-48, Eastbourne. Box 448294

NO TIMEWASTERS!

Easysgoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTW loving, caring white male 35-47 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214

AND THE SPARKS WILL FLY

Bubbly lively lady, 5ft7, outgoing, 33, honest, reliable, looking for someone to get to know and see what happens. Sittingbourne. Box 449585

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Active, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

A NEW FUTURE!

I'm Rachel, 35, medium, enjoys pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, cinema, theme parks, looking someone special to share things with. Box 448591

SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more. Box 447595

ON A ROLL!

Hi, I'm Alison, 36, 5ft5, single mum, loves swimming, roller skating and meeting new people, looking for a male for friendship, maybe leading to more. Box 448865

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Loving, caring, tactile female, 36, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, N/S, GSOH, likes cinema, bowling, country pubs, nights in/out, seeks male for friendship and LTR. Box 827619

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term, serious relationship. Box 438102

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Good looking woman, 37, 5ft2, brown hair/eyes, 2 kids. Looking for new friends, and hopefully someone special. Box 446039

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EYES ON YOU

Hi I'm Jenny, 40, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more. Box 449181

THE SIMPLE THINGS...

I like reading/writing, going out, music. Seeking kind, genuine, honest chap; I'm a 40yr old woman who enjoys the simple things in life. Box 448542



A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTW slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573

ANIMAL LOVER

Tall, slimish woman, I like horse riding, animals, cycling, country walks with the dogs, nights in/out. I'm 42, with brown hair/eyes. Box 448924

TOGETHER?

Slender lady, 42, 5ft9, long dark hair, loves walking her dogs, enjoys out doors, seeks gentleman to spend time with and get to know. Box 446861

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hello, I'm Nikki, 41yr young, 5ft1, enjoys dining out, cinema and dancing, seeking a male for friendship, possible romance and fun times. Box 444796

AIMING HIGH

6ft blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, tall, fit male for companionship, hopefully leading to a relationship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446684

GOOD TIME GIRL

Outgoing young lady, 43, blonde hair blue eyes, 5ft4, works hard, loves socialising, partying, meeting new people...looking for similar male to enjoy happy times with. Box 449157

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

Single mum, 43, kind and devoted, likes walks, cinema, beaches and socialising, drinks and films, seeks similar man for lasting love. Box 449686

COUNTRY LASS

Country-loving happy lady, 43, 5ft6, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and lasting happiness. Battle. Box 883723

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Honest, bubbly female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

BE WITH ME

Honest and caring female, 44yrs old, enjoys pubs, cinema, theatre and more, seeks a kind, caring gentleman for friendship & romance. Box 882419

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY

Bubbly female, 44, brunette, N/S, medium/large, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship/more. Box 882693

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642

A COMPANION FOR LIFE?

Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

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Londoner new to the area, 57, 5ft5, slim attractive blonde, seeking a man for serious relationship and lasting happiness. Box 449587

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Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

HAPPY AS ME

Fun-to-be with, happy, contented lady (50), 5ft4, I enjoy theatre, dining out and having friends round for a meal, gardening and pets. Box 882812

HI EVERYONE, I'M

Debbie, 46, slim, 5ft5, blonde hair, blue eyes, looking for a man, 44-49, 5ft7+, with a nice appearance, preferably a N/S. Box 449422

SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 442952

ENTERTAIN ME

Female, 50, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular wining, dining, loving and laughter, must be honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easy-going single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288

HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

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Hi I'm Karen, 50, medium build, 5ft, separated, devoted mum, looking for friendship with someone who likes dining out, evening walks... Box 882618

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Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young thinking & very adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Hastings. Box 440502

Women seeking women

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS

I'm a 26yr old female, looking for new friends, maybe that special girl...let's have a meal and a drink and see what happens! Box 448722

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NICE TO MEET YOU

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Seeking genuine lady, I'm a 38yr old male, 5ft8, dark hair/blue eyes. I work hard and play hard, would like to enjoy spare time with partner. Box 449649

HOP ON!

Hi, I'm Mark, 6ft, slim/medium build, lots of interests including motorcycles, WLTW a kind and honest female to share fun times and laughter with. Box 445124

EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889723

TRUSTWORTHY

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R U 4 ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosiness, romance. Box 914917

ROMANCE, COMPANIONSHIP?

Me, 39, 5ft6, blond hair, blue eyes, hard working, friendly, loves films and music, sports, football, karate...WLTW nice, slim, attractive lady for meals and more. Box 449167

FOR

Divorced devoted dad, 39, into motorcross, bikes, football, socialising, travel; seeks similar woman with good heart for potential romance. Box 448687

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Art-loving 40yr old, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, into motorbikes and thrill-seeking, looking for a trustworthy female for friendship to start off with, then who knows? Box 448928

LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes cars, games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

THE FIRST STEP...

Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5'10", likes chatting, travel and music. Looking for a female in the Kent or London areas. Box 882345

THE WIND BENEATH YOUR WINGS

Guy of 40, outgoing, fun, tall, told I'm handsome, easysgoing, looking to meet a nice, attractive lady to sweep off her feet. Box 883376

MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY

Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laughs, days out and much more. Box 436696

STANDING ON OUR OWN FEET

Hi there, I'm a 42 year old male, 6ft, with brown hair/blue eyes, sincere, caring & thoughtful, OHAC, seeking female with independent mind for love. Box 884870

TO LOVE SOMEBODY

Loving, tactile, genuine, considerate male, 42, life of the party, loves swimming, music, cinema, reading, WLTW the girl to spend great times with... Box 449450

GET

Gentle male, 42, brown eyes, medium build, works hard, own place, seeking similar female, own place, hassles/ies, to enjoy cinema, conversation, eating out with more. Box 444952

MEN seeking women

THE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP?

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KING OF HEARTS

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DOWN TO MARGATE!

Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5ft10, enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTW mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Margate Box 441706

SOUL CALL

Hi, I'm John, 44, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, medium build, 5'8", looking for my soul mate for lasting love and TLC. Canterbury Box 434341

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising

MOTORS NEWS



New car gives Insight into a hybrid future

HONDA opens a new front in the hybrid war in April with the all-new Insight, billed as a Ford Focus class hybrid at a conventional price.

The Insight (from £15,490) undercuts the rival Toyota Prius significantly and attacks up-spec or 'eco' versions of the Ford Focus and VW Golf.

Honda says experience has shown where savings can be cut yet the car is generously equipped, qualifies for the lowest company car Benefit in Kind bracket and caters for buyers' desire to 'go green'.



Mitsi's Ralliart 'pocket rocket' all ready to fly

MITSUBISHI has had another crack at creating a cut-price 'pocket rocket' – a hot hatch version of its heavily revamped Colt supermini.

The new Ralliart (from £12,049) features the 'Jet Fighter' nose from the new Mitsubishi Lancer and is also available as a five-door (£12,549) as well as a three.

But it is on the road where advantages show over the old model; the 147bhp 1.5-litre turbocharged Ralliart's revised chassis and steering is far superior.

It just needs more 'hot hatch' branding.



Seat's 'back to black' offer is pretty special

COLOUR always plays a big part in marketing for Seat.

Having made red, yellow and white popular again for performance models, the Spanish marque is championing black with the Ibiza Black special based on the five-door 1.4 Sport variant, including air con and electric windows all round.

Extras include unique front and rear bumpers, side skirts, tailgate roof spoiler, and black metallic paint – all for £12,345 and featuring a lively 83bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine with five-speed manual gearbox.



ZOOM-ZOOM IMAGE: The latest Mazda2 has learned an important lesson from its Mark I predecessor by staying away from MPV styling and being sleeker and more aerodynamic

Mazda2 Mark II standing out from supermini crowd

THERE'S not much scope for grand styling within the compact dimensions of a supermini.

So the latest Mazda2 makes a refreshing change, but the Japanese marque learned the hard way how supermini buyers crave style as well as practicality; the original Mazda2 drove well enough, but erred too much towards MPV styling to be a big seller.

The current low slung, lightweight and aerodynamic three/five-door '2' (from £8,899) better suits the brand's 'Zoom-Zoom' image.

Slinky lines are not let down by the drive either; a slick gearbox and lively engines mated with a neat and tidy chassis, balancing good grip and steering with a decent ride, makes the '2' one of those rare cars that you can enjoy without a masses of power.

This bodes well for an almost obligatory hot model later on to wear the wide stripes with which you can already customise your Mazda2.

And it underlines the appeal of even our £9,399 TS five-door entry model. In its lower (74bhp) state of tune the 1.3 petrol engine is still lively but, having driven all but the 1.4 diesel engine, I would urge you to go for the

ROAD TEST MAZDA2

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

extra power of the 85bhp TS2 model without going the whole way to the 102bhp 1.5-litre petrol Sport (£11,799).

The 1.5 is lively alright, but does not bring much more to the party in return for costing £2,000 more than our favourite.

One thing all versions have in common though is their eco-friendliness – the Mazda2 is much lighter than its predecessor and most rivals, which means lower emissions and better fuel consumption.

The Mazda is well-equipped as standard: electric front windows, driver seat height adjustment, MP3 compatible CD radio with auxiliary jack and electric door mirrors.

The interior is also spacious and airy due to a relatively long wheelbase and low window line, while the dashboard is smart and well-arranged, with the high-mounted gearshift falling nicely to hand for a sporty drive.

The seats are comfortable for this class too, though Mazda has cut some corners with the quality and feel of cabin materials, while extra interior space, comfort and style may have been bought at the expense of the boot, 250 litres being shy of the 285-ish benchmark set by top-selling rivals.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FRENCH FAMILY HATCHBACKS

IN a market sector where products are increasingly alike, French motor manufacturers tend to create highly individual rivals to the big-selling Ford Focus. Where Gallic contenders do harmonise is with chic and distinctive interiors, good turbodiesel engine options and ride comfort – a response to rural tracks and the cobbled streets that still criss-cross many city centres in France. This is not to everyone's taste though, so our trio can be very affordable too in a used car market that saw prices tumble drastically in late 2008.

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RENAULT MEGANE



RENAULT'S second generation Mégane arrived in late 2002 and proclaimed that, unlike its predecessor, it would look and stay fresh for the full production run – it still looks good against its recent successor. The now famous rear end 'bustle' made the car stand out and buyers flocked to Renault's mid-range model despite the feature costing load space. Apart from a sassy image it offers good diesels, safety, low running costs and scorching Renaultsport versions (pictured).

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROËN C4



LIKE Renault, Citroën really needed to pull something special from the hat for its current family hatch. As a result, the C4 is a far better car than the horribly Xsara that it replaced and Citroën has given the five and three-door models a different look each; the former is sleek, futuristic and stylish while the latter has rakish coupé lines. However, both ride beautifully and share a radical and interesting interior without the irritating quirkiness of old-style Citroëns.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 307



PEUGEOT used to trump its French rivals in this sector, but faces tougher players now. The 307, launched in 2001 and replaced in 2007, saw Peugeot acknowledge the trend towards MPV styling, opting for a high roofline, while still offering a conventional estate and MPV-like SW alternative (pictured). Along with the original three and five-door hatchbacks and a coupé cabriolet, the 307 has all the bases covered, a fine choice of turbodiesels and cheaper used prices.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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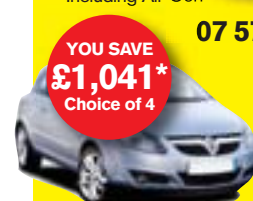
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A CLASS, A150 Classic SE Lwb 5dr, **A180 CDI**, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, horizon blue, 47921 miles, £9200, Mercedes-Benz of Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

A180 CDI, Classic SE Auto 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, polar silver metallic, 18945 miles, £2998, Mercedes-Benz of Canterbury, Canterbury, 0845 481 6437 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER S, 1.6 3 dr, 2002, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, blue, 42000 miles, £9395, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

COOPER S, John Cooper Works 210, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, half leather, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, 17" alloys, metallic grey, 63000 miles, £7990, Air Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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206, 1.1 8v Fever Hatchback 3d 1124cc (2004), 53, silver, miles, £3299, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

207, Sport Coupe Cabriolet, In08umb, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, abs, multiple airbags, power hood, power steering, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, cd player, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 2000 miles, £12495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

207, SE Premium 5dr, ek08ugr, black, 999 miles, £10995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

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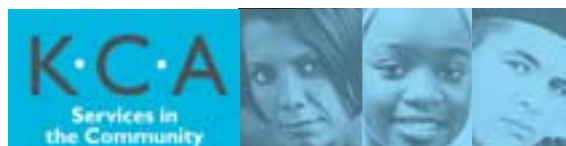
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

'Human capital' seen as key to firms' efficiency

ATTRACTING and retaining skilled employees is now seen as the most important source of using trade resources efficiently for UK businesses, according to new research.

In a poll of almost 200 senior executives, 83 per cent felt that in light of the current skills shortage, human capital was the key factor in having an edge over their competitors.

The survey, conducted for professional services group KPMG by Opinion Leader Research, found that the current skills shortage was the most pressing issue facing British organisations.

Kathy Lloyd, head of people services at KPMG in Kent, said: "The success of the UK increasingly relies on our ability to function as a highly skilled, hi-tech economy and employers are right to be concerned about the difficulty in finding staff equipped with both basic and more advanced skills."

According to the survey results, nearly three-quarters (74 per cent) of companies surveyed felt that the UK fell short in terms of skills, particularly literacy and numeracy.

Staff retention was cited as the second key people-issue that UK firms expect to face in the future and businesses are considering a raft of measures to counter this.

Most popular of these would be training and development (62 per cent), finding ways to retain top performers (61 per cent) and leadership development (59 per cent).

Women's Day invitation

SOUTH East businesswomen have been invited to a lunch on Thursday, March 12, to mark International Women's Day.

Organised as part of the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) Women's Enterprise Ambassadors Network, the speaker will be Caroline Marsh, who recently took part in Channel 4's Secret Millionaire series.

The lunch is at Nutfield Priory, Redhill. International Women's Day is a global event to mark the social, political and economic achievements of women.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "In business, is small really beautiful?" Search 'crunch'

Act now to sustain a healthy bottom line

■ BY TONY PATEY

BUSINESS chiefs have been told to grasp the nettle and embrace sustainable commercial activity - or face the Government imposing regulations upon them.

An audience of high-powered county businesspeople were at last week's Institute of Directors/Business Link breakfast on sustainability in business.

David Boomer, head of energy efficiency and climate change at the IoD, said: "Sustainability is a business agenda which has been coming of age for some time, but it has to be a fundamental part of business."

"You can't talk about it without energy efficiency and climate change. The UK, for the future, has a huge skills gap. We need innovative sustainable skills with clear leadership and investment."

"If business doesn't respond, Government will regulate. We need to develop business and skills capacity."

He was speaking at the conference centre in Sittingbourne's Kent Science Park, a fitting venue because the park's senior management, led by director James Speck, is also keen to develop skills for the area and beyond.

He was introduced by Kent IoD chairman Frazer Thompson, who said: "Sustainability is something we can do without sacrificing winning new business."

Mr Thompson runs the Chapel Down wines group at Tenterden and he said it recently took a look at its own carbon footprint - and a half was in the wooden posts in the vineyard. They have since been swapped for metal ones.

Andrew Fletcher, managing director of Carbon Control energy conservation company, said: "From speaking to many business owners and managers it became apparent to me that businesses are in fact concerned about



SEE THE LIGHT: Sustainability and hi-tech skills are essential to the UK's future prosperity, delegates were told

reducing their energy consumption, costs and increasing their sustainability. However they sometimes lack the knowledge, expertise and time to tackle these issues."

He said businesses could access national and local grants - as well as support such as the Carbon Trust's interest-free loans - and they should also check out enhanced capital allowance schemes.

Erica Russell, Business Link's market development manager (sustainable business) said a company's green credentials should encompass its issues with energy, water, waste, raw materials, legislation and transport.

Paul Anderson, who runs Stone Circle Livery between Woodchurch and High Halden, which claims to be the UK's first and

only fully organic livery yard, gave a mini case study and stressed the need to be committed, determined and innovative.

High quality commands a premium rate and with the credit squeeze some customers left and a long waiting list vanished, he said.

However, he increased his rates but also increased the amount he had been setting aside for environmental improvements from each customer as well.

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ON TARGET: Mo Takaloo (pictured) helped Hythe on their way to another three points

Town take three points and top spot

FOOTBALL

Hythe Town 3 Slade Green 0

AN EXCELLENT second-half display saw Hythe Town comfortably beat Slade Green and return to the top of the Kent League Premier Division on Saturday.

With leaders Holmesdale not playing, the 3-0 victory at Reachfields was enough for Hythe to leapfrog them back to the summit and made amends for a midweek defeat at Deal Town.

After a goalless first 45 minutes, Mo Takaloo made the breakthrough just on the hour mark for his fourth goal in five games. Within two minutes the game was virtually beyond Green when Jason Brazier struck to give Town a two-goal cushion.

Roy Guiver gave the scoreline an added flourish with Town's third goal 15 minutes from time.

The game also saw the long-awaited return of Buster Smissen, who bagged an incredible 47 goals last season but has been ruled out for most of this campaign with a knee injury.

Hythe are hoping for a big crowd for this Saturday's game against Tunbridge Wells, with ticket prices slashed to just £1.

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HEADACHE: Folkestone Invicta manager Neil Cugley (left) was left a worried man after the draw against Corinthian-Casuals despite an excellent equaliser from Darren Smith (right)



Invicta make a point but squad is stretched to limit

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Corinthian-Casuals 1

Nwoko 25

Folkestone Invicta 1

Smith 27

The injury problems meant that, despite his side controlling much of the second half, Cugley was satisfied with a point against a side in the relegation zone.

He said: "I suppose it was two points dropped in some ways, but by the end I was fairly happy to take something from the game."

"If we had taken one of our other chances I felt we would have gone on to win the game, but we didn't hit the target."

Darren Smith's excellent free-kick midway through the first half earned the point, cancelling out the hosts' opener two minutes earlier. Dryden, Micheal Everitt and Jon Driscoll all had half-chances in a 20-minute spell after the

Folkestone Invicta starting XI



Subs used: Driscoll (J. Everitt 2)

break, but none could find the breakthrough. The draw, following last Tuesday's 2-0 win at Walton & Hersham, lifted Folkestone into the Ryman South's top half ahead of last night's games.

Title-chasing Cray are likely to pose a stern test this weekend, especially with Invicta lacking confidence in recent home games, but Cugley believes their opponents' position could help his side.

He said: "We've struggled to break down lower sides at home who have set up defensively. Cray will be coming to win the game, so maybe we will be able to counter-attack more."



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Hughes comes on to keep Dover title push on track

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 2

Browning 6, Hughes 77

Canvey Island 1

Curran 54



A LATE goal from super-sub Jerahl Hughes helped Dover Athletic to another home win as they continued their relentless march towards the Ryman Premier League title.

After a scrappy opening spell, Dover showed their attacking credentials by taking the lead with a well-worked goal on six minutes.

The lively Matt Bodkin broke down the wing and pulled the ball back into the area to find Lee Browning, who poked the ball past Canvey goalkeeper Ricky Wiseman.

Both sides found it hard to create clear-cut goal-scoring opportunities, but Dover's defence had to be alert on 12 minutes.

Canvey winger Gabriel Fanibuyan broke into the Dover area and was about to pull the trigger when a smart sliding tackle from Laurence Ball helped Dover clear their lines.

Most of the half was played in the midfield area as the sides cancelled each other out.



LATE WINNER: Substitute Jerahl Hughes secured the three points for Dover with a classy late goal at Crabble

However, just after the half-hour Canvey almost found an equaliser with a stunning free-kick on the edge of the penalty area.

Richard Hallie's strike had Dover keeper

Dover Athletic starting XI



Subs used: Jones (Bodkin 70) Hughes (Collin 70) Grazioli (Welford 60)

Preston Edwards beaten, but the ball crashed against the post and away to safety.

Dover made a shaky start to the second half and were punished on 56 minutes when Canvey equalised through John Curran.

A long ball found the striker in space and he produced a delicate chip which flew beyond Edwards into the top corner.

The Whites upped their game and came close to taking the lead just four minutes later when Olly Schulz headed over.

In a bid to inject some experience and pace into the attack, manager Andy Hessenthaler made three changes, throwing on Giuliano Grazioli, Sam Jones and Jerahl Hughes.

The changes worked as Dover took the lead in the 77th minute. Grazioli's cheeky back-heel on the edge of the area found the lively Hughes, who buried the ball in the bottom-left corner of the net.

With a victory for Staines against Carshalton, Dover's lead at the top of the Ryman Premier League remains 17 points.

FOOTBALL



Picture: SIMON HARRIS

ON THE BALL: Laurence Ball believes Dover's success is down to team spirit instilled by Andy Hessenthaler

It's been a Ball this season for Whites' stand-out defender

TEAM spirit has taken Dover Athletic to the brink of back-to-back promotions, according to defender Laurence Ball.

The Whites defender has been one of the stand-out players in Dover's quest for the Ryman Premier title this season, making 20 appearances and scoring four goals.

Dover boss Andy Hessenthaler has spoken highly of Ball this season, but the defender believes the whole team have played their part in the charge towards Conference South football.

Promotion

He said: "I have been really pleased by how it has gone for me this season. As a team we have done really well. At the start of the season the objective was promotion and everyone is pulling in the same direction. At the start of the campaign I wasn't playing and now I am, but it's not about me.

"We have a really good spirit in the team, everyone wants to do well and that has got us to the position we are in now. Hopefully with the same attitude it will take us where we want to go.

"I think the spirit gets us through games where we have had knocks and when things have not gone well. It is up to yourself on the pitch to stay together, keep a cool head and not get carried away."

With Dover 17 points clear at the top, Ball admitted promotion was in the players' minds, but he is focusing on the next game.

He said: "I work in an office, so sometimes when I get time I look at the tables. The manager and the coaching staff are really good at keeping us focused on the next game.

"Obviously promotion is in the back of the mind, but you don't get promoted if you do not concentrate on each game. As soon as you take your eye off the ball you'll get turned over."

Folkestone wish for that winning feeling

RUGBY

FOLKESTONE have the chance to put the pressure on the top three in London South East 4 on Saturday when they travel to Horsham.

Following three consecutive defeats, Folkestone have slipped out of the promotion race and are in desperate need for wins to stay in touch.

Folkestone, who are fourth in the league, have not recorded a win since a comfortable 37-10 success against Hastings & Bexhill last month.

This week's opponents Horsham go into the game off the back of a comfortable win also against Hastings & Bexhill. Two points for Folkestone could move them within touching distance of third position.

Former Folkestone rugby player and England women's captain Catherine Spencer guided her country to a 29-13 win against Ireland in the Six Nations on Friday.

After England's chances of a fourth consecutive grand slam evaporated with a defeat by Wales two weeks ago, Spencer's side returned to the top of the table as France thrashed Wales 27-5.



Picture: IOR KIPCO

PRESSURE: Folkestone Rugby hope win will put them back in the hunt in London South East 4



Picture: IOR KIPCO

CUP RUN: Dover's class eventually told as they booked their place in the next round of the Kent Cup

Super Sharks blitz Beccs with a second-half salvo

RUGBY

Beccehamians 0 Dover 41

exchanged and a number of changes made.

Dover became more coherent in the second half and in the last quarter scored four tries with some scintillating rugby, courtesy of Rocky Murray, Ben Sedgwick, Ricky Stanley and Mick O'Donnell. Three conversions were added to bolster the scoreline.

The highlight of the afternoon was Dover's coach Graham Tonks taking to the field for the last 10 minutes. This was his first appearance in a number of years.

Dover return to London 2 South action on Saturday when they host a high-flying Sidcup side.

FOUR second-half tries helped Dover progress to the next round of the Kent Cup with a comfortable win over lower-division opposition.

Beccehamians have often proved a difficult trip for Dover in their previous meetings and the home side, despite struggling in London South East 4, put up a typically spirited resistance.

Dover started well when Jack Tomlinson scored the opening try early on and Martyn Beaumont slotted the conversion superbly.

Beccs came back defiantly and for the remainder of the half Dover struggled to sustain any momentum in their play.

However, the Sharks kicked a penalty and Beaumont added to his tally with a try.

Despite the visitors having a healthy lead at the interval, a few harsh words were

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